



THE LATE FATHER JOSEPH MCGAHEY'S ST. MICHAEL

The engraving of St. Michael which appears above was designed by one of the all-time great men of St. Michael's, Father Joseph E. McGahey, C.S.B., whom countless Old Boys remember as student, athlete, teacher, coach, principal, and priest.

Father McGahey had the design made while he was in the first years of the war a chaplain in the Canadian Army. He put his boys under the patronage of St. Michael's and gave them cards with St. Michael depicted as above. Later on his retirement from the Army owing to ill health, Father McGahey returned to the College and distributed similar pictures among the student body.

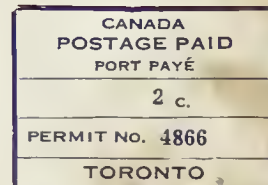
EVENTS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Bingo—Every Thursday Night at 8 p.m., sponsored by the Quarterback Club in aid of the athletic program.

Double Blue Ball—Friday, February 1st. Dancing from 9 to 1 to music of Bert Niosi and His Orchestra. Semi-formal. \$3.00 a couple. Old Boys are welcome.

Band Raffle—February 8th to 26th.

Mardi Gras Dance—February 26th.



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ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE, TORONTO 5, FEBRUARY, 1952

DINNER MEETING

DINNER—REUNION—MOVIES

FEBRUARY 5

The cafeteria of the College School will be the scene of the first Old Boys function under the presidency of Joe Primeau.

7 P.M.

The Dinner Meeting announced in last issue will be held on Tuesday, February 5th, at 7 p.m. at the College School, St. Clair and Bathurst Streets.

MOVIES

The dinner will be followed by the showing of some sports films. The cost of the evening meal and entertainment will be \$2.50, just sufficient to meet the cost of the caterers.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

A Telephone Committee has been established to ensure a large gathering. Please let us know by February 1st if you are coming.

RECENT MARRIAGES

"Bob" Decourcy, '41-'46, and Margaret Jane McIntyre

"Ted" Ingoldsby, '42-'47, and Margaret Virginia McCabe.

Old Boy Sports Editor Trail Daily Times

"Bill" McLoughlin who received his training writing sports publicity for Father Flanagan is now Sports Editor of the Trail, B.C., Daily Times.

Bill writes that Frankie Turik whom Old Boys remember as the great centre of the Memorial Cup Champions of 1945 is playing top hockey still for the Trail Smokies. Frank is married and has a little girl.

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE MEMORIAL FUND

Since last issue over \$900.00 has been received for the Memorial Fund.

Rt. Rev. J. F. Dooley, Mingo Junction, Ohio; Father Art McMahon, Beaverton, Ont.; Father Ed. Mulvill, Black Diamond, Alta.; Father Austin Sweeney, Niagara Falls, Ont.; Father Bernard Horgan, Aldershot, Ont.; Father Harry Black, Grafton, Ont.; Father Thomas McCann, St. Catharines, Ont.; Father Matthew Darby, Whitby, Ont.; Father Bill Harding, Thorold, Ont.; Art Palumbo, Dr. "Gus" Greco, Sault Ste Marie, Ont.; Jimmy Sullivan, Detroit, Mich.; Joseph Lynes, Montreal, P.Q.; L. L. Odette, Jr. and E. G. Odette, Walkerville, Ont.; Leonard Hynes, Montreal, P.Q.; Ted. Woods, Arvida, P.Q.; Reg. Bolger, Kirkland Lake, Ont.; Dick Cowan, Detroit, Mich.; Pat Glynn, Pontiac, Mich.; Frank Leonard, Miami, Fla.; Dick Stedman, Chicago, Ill.; Eugene Conlin, Cobourg, Ont.; Dr. Cliff Healy, St. Catharines, Ont.; Major Bert Kearney, Whitehorse, Yukon; Bill Regan, Murray Mine, Copper Cliff, Ont.; Father John A. Kelly, Father Vince Keating, Father Thos. Harding, Father Bob Clinne, Frank Roughton, John Myers, Bill Robertson, Dick Welsh, Charlie Henry, M.P., Douglas Allen, Johnny Ryan, William P. Kjersey, Dr. E. S. McGowan, Ray Roach, Arnold Teolis, Dr. Paul McGoe, Vince Gilkinson, Bob Lalor, John Frezell, Larry Hynes, Michael L. Doyle, Hugh Ronan, Dr. M. J. Haffey, Walter Glynn, John Holland, Bernard Murphy, George Kaye, Ted Schmidt, Ed Harrison, Tom Bradbury, Doug. Bond, Toronto.

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HISTORY OF ST. MICHAEL'S

The Blue Banner will publish in succeeding issues historical notes on the coming of the Basilian Fathers to Canada, and on the beginning and early years of St. Michael's.

The letters of Father Molony which are published in this issue are taken from Father L. K. Shook's work, a paper read at the 1950 meeting of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association, entitled, "St. Michael's College, The Formative Years, 1850-1853."

OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

Hugh O'Leary of Port Arthur, member of the late Father Joe McGahey's Junior A hockey team in 1931-32, has been appointed General Manager of the Provincial Paper Co. and moved to Toronto.

Michael Kirby, '40-'43, is still the leading man in the Hollywood Revue Ice Show, and has a new partner in Miss Barbara Ann Scott.

Lieut. Doug. Wallace, '47, flew to Tokyo on Christmas Eve and to Pusan, Korea, on Christmas night. Doug writes to Father Dorsey, "My O.C. (Canadian) is in Kure; I am still under his command, but I am attached to the English who have control over me, but I have one office with the Americans who in some respects also command me. What with three bosses and two offices it is enough to keep anyone hopping to meet all the demands. To make matters worse, I am the only Canadian in the port and while I eat and sleep with the Americans, I must represent Canada at all official functions whether British, Korean, Australian or Klu Klux Klan."

Doug's address is:

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THE FIRST BASILIAN TO SEE NEW YORK FATHER PATRICK MOLONY ARRIVES ON SEPTEMBER 5th, 1850

"I left Paris August 10 with deep regret at not having met you at our hotel the day of my departure in order to say a last good-bye. I had only eight days to travel over England and Ireland, and said adieu, in passing to all the relatives I was able to see. I then proceeded to Southampton, the English port from which we were to embark. Monseigneur kept his appointment. He was accompanied by several young men among whom were two Jesuits, a sub-deacon from Rodez, dear Brother Bernard, a young student from Aix, and two young laymen. The same day, August 20, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon we went aboard the American steamer Washington, which weighed anchor an hour later. Our voyage on the sea was very pleasant. I was hardly seasick at all, and happy to look after my companions who were much more disturbed than I was. The poor bishop was exceedingly ill.

Brother Bernard entertained us a great deal by his enjoyable sallies. He kept to his hammock during half of the voyage, drinking a lot of tea, but at the end was one of the most sturdy of the band. The crossing took only 14½ days. The 5th of September, at 7 o'clock in the morning, the splendid bay of New York lay spread out before us. What a pleasant moment when we put foot on shore after 14 days of sky and water! We remained eight days in New York and had time to visit this immense city which is destined to become the most important in the world by reason of its commerce and its marvellous location."

Letter from Father Molony, dated Nov. 13, 1850, to his "Very dear friend and confrere", Father Chavannon, at the Little Seminary of Vernoux where Father Molony taught before coming to Toronto with Bishop de Charbonnel.

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FRIDAY, FEB. 1

Bert Niosi and His Orchestra

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\$3.00

NEWS FROM KOREA

Father John Ruth, who has been in Korea a year, in a recent letter writes to Father Dorsey:

"I'm very comfortably dug in, the tent has been stowed away, as it was too hard to heat, and besides it was not shrapnel-proof.

"I'm living in a dugout about eight feet down and about fourteen feet in length and ten wide. The walls are hung with old blankets and a wooden floor made of old packing cases. My desk is in one corner, my bed in another, and an altar built into another.

"The roof consists of a few small logs, a layer of old boards, some old tarps, a layer of sand bags, about three feet of mud, a layer of iron pickets and more dirt. It will take a big one to come through.

"Actually we are getting very little shelling now but the odd one comes drifting in. We've been here for about two months so they know where we are. It's really very comfortable and easy to heat. I'm having a cross made out of an old mahogany board and I have a large corpus that I'll put on it and hang from the blanket in front of my altar, just like at St. Basil's.

"Actually I use the altar only about once a week. It takes the rest of the week to get around to the boys. They are really spread out. Two of the companies can't be reached by jeep and it's about a mile walk. It's quite a procession. A Korean worker carries my Mass kit and some boards I have for an altar. He can carry it for two or three miles without even stopping. I tried it myself once and lasted for about 100 yards. Then comes the Father carrying himself, and puffing like a steam engine; then a guard to see we come to no harm. It's getting a little chilly for these open-air Masses....."

Father Ruth's address is:

ZB 4110

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MAJORS' SCHEDULE

Jan. 27—Windsor
Feb. 3—Marlboros
Feb. 10—Waterloo
Feb. 17—Kitchener
Feb. 20—St. Kitts
Feb. 24—Oshawa
Feb. 27—Barrie
March 2—Guelph
March 4—Marlboros



Florian Matsalla, Father John Crowley, Ron Hummel, and Hugh Coyle.

It is a far cry from the pioneer days of High School basketball in 1930 through 1934 when Coaches Fathers Denomy, Armstrong, and Nolan took their charges to Little Vic gym to practise.

Some of the pioneers of that day —players like Father Frank Murray of Cobalt, Garnie Griffin, Ossie Darte, Charlie Sweeney, Joe McGeough, "Pepper" Martin, Harry Kuntz, Joe Versage, Charlie Holt-ham, Ray Carroll, Ted DeMuy, Sammy Carrullo, Bill and Jack Murphy, Joe McHugh, and Mike Reen would get a thrill out of seeing Father

Crowley's team performing in the spacious gym of the high school.

This year's team is a strong contender for the Sr. Championship of the Ontario Catholic Conference. Recently they played before 2000 fans in Assumption gym at Windsor, losing to St. Anthony's of Detroit, 50-34. They have beaten De La Salle twice, and have won and lost to the strong defending champs, St. Jerome's.

Folding bleachers are being installed in the St. Michael's gym, and basketball has become a major sport at St. Michael's

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THE BEGINNING OF MODERN FOOTBALL AT ST. MICHAEL'S

by
Father William Roach, C.S.B.

It was in the Fall of 1897 that Rugby football began at St. Michael's. The Mulock Cup Inter-faculty Series had just been organised and St. Michael's was invited to enter a team. It was with a good deal of trepidation that it was decided to accept the invitation. There was some good material in the house, but it was completely in the raw. Our sole hope lay in a certain gentleman who had seen some service on the Ottawa College team, which in the gay nineties was the last word in football in Canada.

Jim (Pick) Walsh, the most enthusiastic footballer of all time, undertook to initiate us into the mysteries of Rugby. Each evening we assembled into a class room for instructions. Pick went to the blackboard, drew diagrams, explained intricate movements of the players and generally orated with all the verve and fluency of a Cicero before the Roman Senate. It was all very entertaining and we applauded with gusto, but the fly in the ointment was that we did not know what he was talking about.

There were fifteen players to a team and we had just fifteen men on our entire squad; which meant that every man played the full sixty minutes, and in case of injury the game was delayed until the injured player could at least stand in his position. In the centre of the line was the scrim, made up of three men locked in a tight embrace, whose office was to heel the ball back to the Quarter. Our scrim was a beauty, averaging 200 avoirdupois, a bit slow in starting, but when under full steam it moved heaven and earth. There was plenty of athletic ability among the

other members of the team, which, if properly co-ordinated and applied would have won the Mulock Cup, but that did not happen for the reason that most of the teams in the group had at least an elementary knowledge of the game and some capable coaching.

The first game we played against Knox College, on the front Campus, which at that time was the only athletic field at the University. My recollection of the game is a bit hazy, but I do recall that Knox knew as much about the game as we did, but not any more. We scarcely knew how to line up to start the game. Being fullback, I had a favorable position to observe what was going on. I saw much pushing and rushing and rolling on the ground, while the referee blew his whistle again and again, and, as it seemed to me, interfered greatly with the progress of the game. As the season advanced we began to learn what it was all about, but our acquaintance with the game was too little and too late to win the Mulock Cup. In fact, looking at it historically, it took St. Mike's many a year to get what it takes to win the Mulock Cup.

BY THE WAY

Where are those former basketball players? Joe Versage, Ray Carroll, Ted DeMuy, Sammy Carrullo, Bill and Jack Murphy, Joe McHugh, and Mike Reen are not on our mailing list.



MISSING PERSONS BUREAU

Since last issue of the Blue Banner 103 changes of address have been made in the mailing list.

But where are the following?

Fred Arthurs, ? Sudbury; Allan Martin, ? Thorold; Frank Sirdevan; Jack Wallace, ? Ottawa; Ron Balfour, Pat Callon, Frank Clarke, Herb Hendrie, Robert Jordan, John F. Kelly, Keith Langell, Alex MacGregor, Jim Scrimmes, John Sheldon, Leroy Wallace, Toronto.

THE OLD BOYS WRITE

"Reg" McKernan, '33-'37

28 St. Paul St. W.

Kamloops, B.C.

"Just a note to express appreciation for regularly receiving The Blue Banner. It recalls fond memories and it is surprising how many familiar names appear in its pages, even though I have not lived in Toronto since 1940.

I am with the R.C.M.P. stationed here in Kamloops and would appreciate it if you would change my address from RCMP, Merritt, B.C. to the above street address. In our work, one never knows where the next stop will be and it is possible I may one day be transferred east and then may be able to become an active member of the Old Boys.

For your mailing list Old Boy Henry J. (Hank) Murray is living at 3300-19th St., Vernon, B.C. He was at St. Michael's about the time I attended '33 to '37, and am sure he would appreciate receiving the Blue Banner.

Best wishes to you, your staff and the Blue Banner for 1952.

Art Palmbo, '22-'25, of Sault Ste Marie, sends greetings to the Old Boys of that era.....

Father Ed. Mulvill sends greetings from Black Diamond, Alta., and Msgr. James F. Dooley, from Mingo Junction, Ohio.

"Stew" Killingsworth, '30-'32, now Alderman J. S. Killingsworth of London, Ont., writes:

"Enclosed please find my subscription to The Blue Banner."

"Yourself and staff are to be heartily congratulated on the fine job you are doing. I really look forward to receiving each and every issue."

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